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UNCOMFORTABLE FORMALITIES

CEREMONY AND HOSPITALITY A REGULAR PART OF OFFICIAL LIFE.

This Queer City at the Mouth of the Canton River.

Correspondence of the Indianapolis Journal. being up in the art of self-defense when their chances on doing so. Let a Chinese Into the interior never hesitate to do it in one confides his person and estate to the stranger land here and if he is suspected this way. Delivery may not always be care of Portugal in these parts. Value at- of having any money he will do well to se- prompt, but it is unfailing. Nor is the price taches to its moral influence, regardless of crete it or keep himself in company that for letters of any bulk greater than it any disposition to employ it. The casual will help him out of trouble in case of need. would be were the postal service extended appearance of the butt of a pistol opens | Falling in that precaution, he will be lucky | inland. It rarely exceeds 20 cash, the the native heart and induces smiling greet- to come out purse whole. It does not fol- equivalent of from 1 to 11/4 American cents, ings as much as in any part of China or low that he is waylaid or forced to hold up a sum that pays for putting the letter Kentucky. There is no need of vulgar dis- his hands, although that occurs often through several hands with as little risk of play. A hint serves as well as a sermon. enough. A way more favored is to slit the loss or nondelivery as attaches to unregis-Without some such notice of one's inten- pocket that he carries under his blouse. | tered mail in any country. tion, forecast would be venturesome as to The contents drop into the slitter's hands | When authority here is disposed to flaunt the extent to which requests to share be- without noise or trouble and the victim itself with royal airs, Ching Kee draws up longings might be forthcoming, for there | learns of his loss when he reaches into his | his superior self disdainfully, as one who seems to be nothing that a neighbor may | pocket to indulge in some expenditure and | may of right look down upon Lisbon from not covet. One of the first sights to meet | finds the hole through which the coin has | Windsor. He attended the Governor of the eye on approaching the harbor is a escaped. A native servant, just down from | Hong-Kong in London at Queen Victoria's stone fence painted yellow, inclosing a Shanghal, is now bewailing this experience, jubilee. Chance took him to Windsor, patch of sheer bluff. The property belongs He ventured ashore to chin-chin joss, an where he had the honor to serve afternoon to H. F. Dent, of Hong-Kong. By leveling operation that could have been no more de- tea to the Queen. While he was so engaged, off a bit of the precipice he may find a vout than his present wish that he had re- she said to him: "In China, I believe, you perch for a house, which will command a mained a plain heathen and stayed aboard use no milk or sugar in tea?" pretty sea view and look shoreward over | ship. rolling hills. Except to a man who wishes to buy a view, it would seem that the property had no value. But when Mr. Dent had all the dignities that befit the representapaid for the land and had gone back to lives of the Lisbon court, but with the Hong-Kong about his business, encroach- amendments thereto growing out of iso- and the story of the friendly intercourse ments began upon it. No one had thought lated colonial possession for many years, he had with England's ruler will lose nothof disturbing it while it was free. The mo- If some one in authority is to make a trip ing in transmission to his children. ment money had been paid for it and it | everybody must turn out to see him off. The represented value, so many people wanted | times of possible departure are 8 o'clock in it that there was doubt for a while whether | the morning and 1 in the afternoon. For Mir. Dent would have anything left to show | an hour before either time it behooves for his outlay. He has adopted the heroic | those who wish to be of the elite of either course of driving the squatters off and the official or social colony to appear at tuilding the fence, from which he threatens | the steamboat landing in full dress and to to shoot if molested further. Having thus | present in person their regrets at parting | London Mail. established a claim to the respect of the and their best wishes for a pleasant voy-

THEY STEAL GIRLS. There is not much girl-stealing in Macao landing is in an exceedingly dirty part of but nothing architectural in the whole Itself, perhaps for want of attractive sub- the town, to be reached through the Chi- country has made such a vivid impression jects, but kidnapers find here a ready and nese quarter, which does not improve ma- on my mind as the foot-warmer. profitable market. In general, they may ply terially on Chinese quarters elsewhere. In my contemplative moments your foottheir trade with encouragement rather Macao has the fortune to be always free warmer forces its way to the front. If I than with interference, but occasionally from frost and to enjoy weather which dream, it is of foot-warmers, and in the some one cares enough about a stolen girl to induce the authorities to try to inter- heavy enough for comfort. To get out of to England I imagined that somebody had cept her. Then ships are boarded and bed an hour or two ahead of the usual made a sort of Pharoah of me and buried searched for that kind of cargo. The kind of search that may yield a harvest of collar and broadcloth or to perform that would advise you to invent a new kind of stowaways is insufficient for this purpose, act in the middle of the day, when the shock for your American visitors. which involves a complete overhaul of car- thermometer may be approaching 100 de- The first time I saw the foot-warmer go. Kidnapers work on the theory that a grees, in order to spend an hour or two in something on wheels came into the railgirl has value if they may sell her, and ceremonious leave-taking of a man who way station and men in uniform began to that otherwise she is utterly worthless. may be simply running down to Hong- fling about what I thought were underlience they will close her in a packing Kong for a week or two for a change or to grown milk churns. "Why is this cart case or let her take her chances of suffo- have a good time, is one of the privileges coming down the station filled with tin cation in a trunk. They cannot be more of being of some account in Macao. than a girl out in any case and her death or capture, in their estimation, amounts to the same thing. In either case the kidnapers must submit themselves to the process | sions. The hats represent various epochs of | first I thought it was an infernal machine, of langehi, which means that they are to style, depending mainly on how long it may but I was wearing the uniform of the be divided into twenty-four parts. If a have been since the wearer was in Europe. United States, and I swore to die bravely. man's business has prospered before he has There is one American here, however, who All the way I kept one foot firmly pressed tried this experience, he may buy the coup | seems equal to all variations which fashion | down on the can, which I believed would de grace at the first stroke and thus re- may impose. His last visit home provided go off at any moment. Of course, it did the right of ownership in their possessions by purchase. A so-called marriage market in Canton, where women, married or not,

HUNTING FOR PIRATES. to cruise in adjoining waters for pirates like London. He called at Berlin, Vienna mon for a foreign layman. One of them who enjoyed it reports it as well worth having. | throw away hats as fast as he traveled Hospitality among the Chinese is nowhere | beyond the territory of their style vielded more lavish than at sea. As no government | to a determination to see the thing through boat in these days can have a definite objec- | wherever it might land him. The result was tive the captain's only concern is that she keeps affoat. His officers are to be trusted and came back here with eight, all nearly to do that with her, enabling him to give | new. Now all he has to do to remain in himself to the entertainment of his guests. style as to headgear is to watch the latest In a pilot house the other night, after sev- European arrivals and take pattern from eral hours passed at the table, one of the them out of his abundant supply. guests watched operations there critically for a few moments and then said: "Caping place?" The captain shaking his head ently, it occurs to the host that the nain the negative, the visitor pushed aside the tional American drink is beer and that his man at the wheel, whirled the helm hard caller will think him remiss unless some of

ers a multitude of operations in this line.

tific and strategic importance. If he were as the drink that drowns national would then probably find the enemy fully When resumed, the same lavish hospitality said: exposed to his fire. With the knowledge just obtained and estimating what an enty-two minutes he would know at what not be peculiar to Macao, but it is particujuncture in an adverse battle to make the larly noticeable here. The port is a favorite circle in order to turn the engagement to resort for native junks of all kinds. They Philadelphia Inquirer. his advantage. The visitor complimented come from a profusion of streams that ishim upon his acumen and said he felt sure | sue from the mainland into the sea. China that the ship commanded by him would has no postal system, except in connection cover itself with glory in the next Chinese | with the customs. Hence there are postof-

naval engagement. NOT AFRAID OF WARSHIPS. if he hopes to become an admiral by his any one bound for the place to which the supposed. If so, all women may have to enterprises hereabouts fear the warships letter is addressed. If the boatman first suffer,

MACAO'S EASY MORALS least of all the craft sent after them. There asked is not himself bound there or does have been no captures so far by this agenory. The native watermen, with whom the NATIVES READY TO STEAL ANY- members, five men can row as fast as ten livery himself. He is going to a place where appeared that can overhaul them.

In no quarter is vigilance exercised so destination. sharply against smugglers and pirates as Boatmen know the waterways so well at the customs posts. Macao gets enough that they can usually make close estimate Girl Smuggling and Piracy Are Com- from its licenses to afford to remain a free of the number of hands through which the The Wagnerian Legend Said to Be port, but the mainland is so handy and the letter must pass before its last delivery and rivers, creeks and inlets so many that no of the toll that will be demanded at the less than fourteen customs stations are several stages. They accordingly require maintained by the commissioner here, as the sender to write on the envelope, in much with the view of protecting the coast | characters that may be understood by the as of collecting duties. Coolie kidnaping, several carriers, that the receiver will pay for which Macao became notorious, would for it a certain number of copper cash on have gone on unchecked but for these Chi- delivery. When the first carrier takes the nese customs stations. It brought fine prof- letter as far as he will go in its direction its to those engaged in it and as they spent he finds another carrier with whom he a good share of that money here, the Gov- drives a bargain whereby he receives ernor of the colony would never have in- whatever toll they may agree upon for terfered on his own initiative. Now no the first stage of the journey. At every boat may go up any creek or inlet, or up successive transfer of the letter to a fresh the river without passing a customs guard. | carrier toll passes, the last man to carry Even a boating pleasure party must have a needing to pay to the one from whom he Junkmen Act as Letter Carriers in permit from the commissioner before the receives the letter not only the toll for the inspectors will let it pass. China thus next to the last stage, but also the total of stands, in a way, as a check upon the all previous tolls. Each carrier, that is to careless morals of Portugal.

usually Chinese, who are supposed to be a dozen carriers. MACAO, Dec. 26 .- No harm may come in able to care for themselves and must take Those who have occasion to send letters

CEREMONY ON ALL OCCASIONS. Official life here is invested not only with you likee." community he may hold the land without | age. The trip may be intended to last only | Great Britain is the railway carriage foota few days, but the ceremony must never | warmer. It is not so big as St. Paul's be omitted. It happens that the steamboat | Cathedral, nor so long as Regent street,

THE INDISPENSABLE HAT. A tall silk hat fs, of course, a necessary Then somebody put me into the "cart' part of the habiliment on all such occa- and somebody else threw a can inside. At at San Francisco he bought a silk hat. On reaching Chicago he found that he was a season behind, and wishing to appear up to date he repeated his purchase. The prevailing style in New York put the Chicago hat out of commission, and as he had saved the San Francisco purchase he thought he might as well keep the Chicago one also may be bought, sold and exchanged, covafter he had bought himself a third. London presented him with a style quite different from anything he had encountered in Passage on a Chinese warship assigned | the United States, and Paris was in no way and Rome, fashion requiring him to get a

able, even if a little trying to an unseatain, did you ever turn this ship around, soned palate. A glass of claret may be so as to see how long it would take you to tendered at the beginning of a call, which complete a circle and get back to the start- tastes timely and refreshing. Then, apparaport and took out his watch. In twenty- that article is produced. A little later the two minutes the circle was completed, the host concludes that his caller may have captain looking on with solemn and ap- cultivated in the English settlements a A record was made of the feat. The cap- of bottle to meet that contingency. At parttain said he regarded it as of great scien- ing a bottle of champagne must be shared engaged, for instance, with an enemy, and ences and makes all men akin. This liquid the enemy's position relatively to his own procession, having occupied less than half and hit him, while his own fire was inef- alted opinion of Portuguese capacity and fective, he might dislodge the enemy by makes him marvel at his own. Since it is pretending to run away. The enemy would the height of discourtesy in these parts to naturally give chase and thus change his | decline such tenders, regardless of their position, while the captain, merely making promiscuous character, the round of calls a circle and returning to his original place | becomes necessarily an affair of time.

comes forth everywhere. JUNKMEN AS POSTAL AGENTS The operation of the interior post may trade on profitable lines in this country." fices only at customs stations. It happens that foreigners often get out of reach of We have a great deal of sympathy for the southern waters of pirates and smugglers inexpensive. Going to the water front the let us await the results of the application voice shouting, seaman's fashion: "Hello, until her last breath." if he hopes to become an admiral by his sender asks some boatman if he knows of ness concealed in long hair than we have

cy. The native watermen, with whom the ter, he raises a cry, which is passed along one object in life is to get away on occa- until it reaches the ears of some one who sion, know how to row with their feet as | will undertake the service. More often than well as with their hands, and when wind not it happens that the person ready to fails and they strap a pair of oars to those take the letter has no notion of making deordinarily, and the Chinese cruiser has not he thinks he may find some one to carry the letter another stage, or, perhaps, to its

say, has sold the letter to his successor for Small robberies ashore excite so little no- a sum equal to what it cost himself plus tice as to be hardly worth mention. Per- his own toll. The final collection represents haps one reason is that the victims are the equivalent of payments to from two to

"That no belong fashion China side," he replied, "but this side you can puttee in if

The gracious smile with which the Queen thanked him is an ever-present memory.

FREDERICK W. EDDY. "WHAT I THINK OF ENGLAND.

Sousa's Adventures with Foot Warmers and the British Currency.

The thing that has impressed me most in

makes the lightest clothing at any season only nightmare I have had since I came time and become arrayed in a high stiff me under a pyramid of foot-warmers. I

cans?" I asked. The man refused to ex-

It tingled in a way that recalled a frostbite I had in North America when the theremometer was 28 degrees below zero. foot-warmer or refrigerator or whatever At the next stopping place I sent for rough towels, and by vigorous rubbing managed to restore circulation in the foot I affirm that if your "tight little island" were big enough to take a long railway journey in, the whole nation would be laid

up with chillblains. Another thing that badly needs revising your money system. There is an idea America that things are very cheap in Great Britain, and visitors from the States work on that hypothesis. But it is all trustful American, though no doubt it is trate my point.

all right for the tradesman. Let me illus-The other evening I had just time to take exactly nine whiffs at a cigar before commencing the performance. I went into a isked for a mild smoke.

"How much?" I asked. "Sixpence," was the reply. "Cheap," said I, "wonderfully cheap," and giving him the nimble coin in a hurry lest he should change his mind. I lit the Social courtesies here are most hospit- cigar and proceeded to enjoy the nine whiffs. At the eighth I began to think. "Sixpence." I said to myself. "is equivaent to our 12 cents. This cigar is sold in

America at the rate of three for a quarter guileless Americans in England the mint ould put a star after the word "sixence" on that coin and a corresponding follows: footnote, "This sum equals 12 cents." A great deal more money is being spent by American visitors in buying things cheaply than they imagine.

Another snare and delusion is the guinea museums, and yet you price goods at so guinea another word for sovereign and make their purchases accordingly. The laugh is the storekeeper's. The other day bought 30 guineas' worth of clothes, and after a long sum in mental arithmetic dishan I thought I had paid. "Why do you call them guineas," I asked the attendant, "instead of pounds?"

"In dealing with gentlemen we always call them guineas," the nice man ex-Having figured the whole thing out. I

a gentleman and pay it as the other thing. It seems to me that is the only way to

Hair and Civilization.

between short hair and civilization, but we ago it was the custom for men to wear their hair long and tie it in a bag at the back. Nowadays short hair is the mode, but a lecade hence long hair may come in again.

THIS FAMOUS MARINER SEEN AGAIN OFF THE DANISH COAST.

Untrue and He Is Still Seeking for Salvation.

OF HIS APPEARANCE

HE CARRIES OFF A GIRL JUST AS SHE IS ABOUT TO BE MARRIED.

Many Simple-Minded Villagers Attest to Truth of the Story-An Old Sailor's Version of the Tale.

Correspondence of the Indianapolis Journal.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 15.-The tens of thousands of music-loving Americans who, during the winter's operatic season, witness the "Flying Dutchman" and his sudden and dramatic finish will imbibe more just been seen at the coast of Denmark. Baagoe has 1,500 inhabitants, many of whom swear they saw the strange visitor, the masts. while the rest uphold their brothers, and sisters, and cousins, and aunts. Hence, do not take any stock in Herren Wagner and Grau, when they unfold before you the tale of Senta's sacrifice. Of course it may be true that the Flying Dutchman once landed on the Norwegian coast, near Sandwike bay, and there met Captain Daland. "not a bad man, but foolish enough to worship and envy all those in possession of greater wealth than himself." But the rest, with the exception of the "blood-red sails that glowed mysteriously through the dark-

ness," is poetic fancy pure and simple. Here is Wagner's story: "The Dutchman swiftly boarded the ship, that rocked and swayed on the waves, while Senta endeavored wildly to follow him, the captain, her lover, Erik, and Mary trying to re-

"Yohohoe! Yohohoe!" shouts the crew from the spectre ship. It sounds that way, at least, to the people in the audience. And again: "Yohohoe! Yohohoe! Yohohoe!" hoarse, weird voices through the dusk. We observed that Senta violently frees herself and darts up the high cliff overlooking the sea.

"Senta, Senta, what is it you would do?" Instead of answer she sings: "Praise ye the Divine will," while the ship leaves shore with the speed of an arrow (according to the book.) "Praise ye the Divine will," she repeats with all the power of her passionate soul, "here stand I true till

JUMPS INTO THE WAVES. Then follows the great scene of this most

picturesque music-drama. Senta flings herself into the seething waters; the canvass waves roll higher and higher (the men and boys under the painted linen alternately play leap-frog and kangaroo), now, with flerce anger, they form two huge black walls on either side of the enchanted ship, and then, roaring menacingly, the waters fall upon the vessel, swallowing it. And the waves whirl furiously over the spot where the great ship sunk, until only the bare masts can be seen on the surface of the foaming sea. Finally, as the darkness is dispelled and in the east the light of sunrise glows, the

of the sort; but in three or four stated, the people of Baagoe-fifteen hunhours I began to experience a curious sen- dred of them-beg to differ with the Bay-

As all Copenhagen is talking of the reported reappearance of the spectre-ship in Danish waters, your correspondent went to goe in a rowboat. The newspaper man first sought out the local authorities, the burgomaster and parson, but these gentlemen could only bear hearsay testimony. They did not see the Flying Dutchman themselves, still, they were convinced of his temporary presence on the island. They be free. had also taken official cognizance of the fact that, as a consequence, a young maiden, Maria Niels, was missing. Maria is supposed to have eloped with the ghastly visitor-the fact is down on the books in the City Hall and parsonage both.

But of reliable eye-witnesses there were gigar store-I mean, a tobacco shop-and plenty; above all Maria's father, mother, husband-to-be, John Ohlson, and his familv; likewise a big crowd of friends and acquaintances that had come to see the wedding, and the numerous dwellers of the

A REMARKABLE STORY.

Of course your correspondent could not -fourpence. Geewiz! It's mighty dear, see all the people named, even though all volunteered to swear to the facts, but he interviewed the most intelligent of the lot | ily had quieted down. and from their testimony gathered what

and Maria, whose families belong to the of ease and luxury. Ah, my Maria will the morning to go to church, where the mother are starving, perhaps. But of that these parts, had donned the ancient cos- all about home and loved ones-the memtume, rich with hand-made lace, natural ories of her previous life were wiped out as covered that I had paid 30 shillings more her pretty flaxen head she bore the bride's after jotting down and getting through crown, an elaborate affair composed of myrtle wreaths and ice flowers; her high boots, showing under the short red skirt. were elaborately embroidered in red, blue

> John, likewise, was conspicuous for manycolored ribbons and festive raiment. His blue jacket had silver buttons and his tail new boots were reeking with a lavish coat of grease.

The happy couple were preceded by

The church, where the wedding was to on a high cliff overlooking the sea. The girl and will not listen to the evil spirit, I Fortune must be kinder to the capital while the should cultivate his when he tries these tactics than it has to them only through private agency. The mind and learn to support himself than we when he tries these tactics than it has to them on his assignment to rid the method of dispatching letters is simple and are that he should clip his locks. However, suddenly brought to a halt by a strange and water for him and remain true to him

holiday." But, looking around, they were | She promised to marry you for our sake soon undeceived. The newcomer was neith- only," cried old Niels flercely. er a sailor nor fisherman, and his dress was not of those parts. Indeed, no one had ever seen the like except in picture books. "His With the fishermen and sailors about face," assert the Bagdad people, "was Baagoe the story of the Flying Dutchman ghastly pale and his hair and beard were is an old one, much older than three hunlong and black, while the color of his eyes dred years, the date when the Vanderand the intensity of his gaze lent an air decken of the fable rashly vowed to sail

SPOKE TO THE BRIDE.

want to speak to the bride alone." The last | Danish folklore for at least twice that words were pronounced in a tone of com- period, with the variations and additions mand under which the simple folk quailed, already noted, and, in corroboration, took without knowing the reason why. John at him to an old sea wolf who enjoys the reponce left his bride's side, and with him the utation of being the best-posted man along parents and friends walked up the stoop | the coast. to make room for the unknown. The latter | "'Flying Dutchman' is a new name that spoke slowly and impressively to the girl, the young ones brought home from school." with his eyes glued to her's. Maria listen- said he. "We sea-faring men know nothing RICHEST SCIL IN THE WORLD ing attentively without saying a word in re- about it, nor did I ever hear of Vanderply. This went on for eight or ten minutes | decken until Maria's father mentioned him. -some of the spectators say more, others "We have only the name of the vessel less-until in the end the bride-to-be was itself and call it Doedenskibet, death ship; seen to place her hand in that of the it has no crew, at least no one ever saw a stranger and walk briskly with hm to the crew work on its deck or masts."

There was a boat, before unobserved, ing Dutchman?" and near-by, in the shadow of the rocks, a "That applies to a certain type of ship, strange ship ready for departure. As the not to a person. Danish waters are full of Germany Likely to Have Industrial stranger and the maiden stepped into the 'Dutchmen' vessels of a certain kind used skiff, the first cried out: "To sea, to sea! for shipping wood to the Netherlands. Den-Anchor up, set sails!"

All this John, his kinfolk and friends saw supplied wood to Holland for thousands of and heard, but they were too much taken | years, and as the boats used for carrying by surprise to offer the slightest interfer- logs were suited to no other but this parence. Indeed, they did not find their voices | ticular trade, they became known as the again until Maria, gently assisted by the 'Dutchmen.' " stranger, climbed the ship's side by way of "But why 'Flying?' "

correspondent, "I saw the waves rise and tioned in connection with the mysterious templated Bagdad railway. fiction than they bargained for, as the strike the ship's stern, though elsewhere disappearance of poor Maria. But," added "sad mariner no harbor e'er may hold" has calm prevailed-it looked as if a small the old sailor, "the Doedenskibet is cer- way means the opening of the greatest cottempest raged about the vessel. The sun | tainly a flyer, as you say of the great ocean | ton-producing country in the world. With-At least the people of the small Island of was shining brightly, but the water about liners. I have seen it myself and know in two years, when the line will be finished, Baagoe, hear the coast of Falster, say so. her prow was black as ink, and a shrill wind shrieked through the rigging and past

"'Maria,' I cried, and 'Maria,' 'cousin,' 'daughter,' shouted our parents and relatives. She turned, stared hard at us and then, without a sign of recognition or a farewell, went below, leaning on the arm of her betrayer, the Flying Dutchman, for none but him robbed me of my bride."

THE FLYING DUTCHMAN. The writer could fill several columns if he were to set down one-half of the arguments advanced by the fisher folk in support of the above theory, for, like John, all Baagoe and, moreover, the inhabitants of the several neighboring islands, scout the idea that some lover, unknown to the people thereabouts, may have kidnaped Maria, indulging in a clever masquerade to insure the success of his scheme. Even so formidable a witness as the town constable, an old soldier and as such inclined to poohpooh sea ghosts, loudly protests that none but the "damned one" could have done

"Besides," said old Neils, Maria's father, "it was his time for going among the people and trying again to effect his salvation. He was last seen on the near-by Island of Ringkjoeb, since swallowed by the sea, like many other tiny isles in the waters hereabouts; that was in 1895, and everybody knows that the Flying Dutchman is allowed to cast anchor and go ashore every seven

THE LEGEND REPEATED. "How is that, Father Neils?"

The old sea wolf looked at your correspondent as if he had confessed to ignorance of the Lord's prayer. "I wonder what you city folks stick your nose into books and newspapers for," he exclaimed, shrugging his shoulders contemptuously, "maybe, to be understood, I must tell you the story from the beginning." "I would be obliged if you did."

black porter, spit into the fire, and began: "There was once the captain of a ship of the Dutchman type of vessels (his name was Vanderdecken, I am told), a brave man and a good sailor, who came from India, his hold filled to the deck with gold and silver and other precious ware. Learning of a certain particularly dead bodies of the Flying Dutchman and | dangerous headland extending into the sea called Good Hope, he vowed that he would ance, for the spell has been lifted-the Fly- double that cape even in the face of the fiercest storm and if it took him all eter-So says Herr Richard Wagner, but, as nity to do so. This vow the sea spirit crew, smiting all with enchantment and

dooming them to traverse the sea forever faithful to you unto death, then you shall

"Every seven years Vanderdecken is al-Alas, he found none foolish enough to follow him until he saw my unhappy daughter. What he told and what he promised band, her parents, her friends and her

Old Niels broke down and cried bitterly. He had solved the mystery in his own peculiar way and there would be no use suggesting a different explanation "And the end of it all?" asked your cor-

respondent when the old man and the fam-"The girl must first regenerate him, then

he will take her to foreign countries, where On the first Monday in January, John his treasure hoard will insure both a life

> speculate on the wealth his daughter may have. With these people money considerations outweigh all others. "And when she is rich and happy?"

queried your correspondent "Then the tempter will step in," said old Niels in a matter-of-fact way, and, when I looked astonished, assumed a severe tone. "Don't you understand, man, the sea spirit -lovers, power, unheard-of riches-to persuade her, if possible, to throw Vanderdecken over, so he may get him again in

"But my Maria is a brave, God-fearing "She gave me the go-by quickly enough,"

In Real Life and in Fable.

of strange passionate sadness to his counte- around the Cape through fierce wind and tempest loud, "though it may take eternity." The pastor of the island assured the "Good greeting," said the stranger, "I writer that the legend had held a place in

"How do you account for the name, 'Fly-

mark and Scandanavia, you must know,

"I don't know," as before said. "I never "At that moment," said John to your heard of the new-fangled term until menwhat I am talking about.

DRAGS SHIPS TO RUIN.

the story, thanks to my caution and trust | political, commercial and financial-and the in Providence. It always appears in foggy United States and India, now the undisweather, which often means wreck and ruin | puted cotton kings, may then look to their in our waters. As a captain is slowly feel- laurels. The new road will be operated in ing his way through the gray clouds ob- conjunction with the Natolia Railway, structing the outlook he sees a great ship crossing Asia Minor, and this second raila little ahead, that swiftly and surely sails | way net on the face of Asia will discount,

"The temptation to follow in its course, portance of the Siberian Railway. remarkable for an air of security and complete confidence is very great. With the Bosphorus will be bridged, its terminus will danger of collision, or running upon rocks, be at the Persian gulf, connecting there or proceeding in the wrong direction, star- with the English railways that extend to ing him in the face, the captain is sorely | the frontiers of China. The Natolia road tempted to trust a guide who seems com- is almost completely in German hands, and plete master of the situation and who he German financiers own 60 per cent, of the thinks, will bring him into safe harbor. | capital stock of the Bagdad road, to the Woe to him, his ship and his crew if he value of ninety millions of dollars. captain himself would gladly embrace for in possession of other European powers. ish before the astonished eyes of the lost | Porte, is as follows:

HANS LARSEN.

A PARLOR CAR CRITIC.

Old Neils poured out another glass of Traveler Writes of Some Curious Charges He Has Encountered.

letter to the editor of the Hartford Cour- had by auxiliary lines. ant, of which the following is an extract: "I left New York for your beautiful 'block the line.' I told him I proposed to staple is cotton. remain until I had finished my business | Then Bagdad, the city of callphs, "beauwith him, and, returning the Hartford | tiful and mysterious, like the Fata Morcheck, I requested a parlor-car seat to Bos- | gana," is reached. Bagdad has more than ton, when he became interested in my twice the number of inhabitants of Ninewas as cheap to go to Boston as it was to auxiliary line starts north to Nanekin, on go to Hartford I concluded to see the thing | the Persian frontier, to secure the very exasked him if he would kindly accept a at Hartford. He received the check with thanks, howbeit with a rather puzzled expression, and boarded the train.

"I do not know how he feared, but I do not see why he could not ride through on my ticket, looking at it even in a strictly legal sense.

ter recites another incident as follows: boarded a New York train at Springmy parlor-car seat. I refused to do so. He then asked me to vacate the car and go forward to the day coachs. I replied I would do so if he found me a seat. He then became angry and said if I did not vacate the car or pay he would put me the best seat without paying for it until we reached New Haven, where many passengers left the train.

"The parlor-car man again approached | Berlin and Constantinople, me. This time he politely requested me to pass forward to the day coaches, as there were plenty of seats. I then asked to come. The cost of the constructing mahim the cost of palatial accommodation terials will be immensely increased by the from New Haven to New York. He told me it was 50 cents. I told him I would pay the amount and retain my seat, whereupon I received quite a compliment in re- -do not incline to fanatical objection to gard to my traveling qualifications.

Pathetic Side of Strenuous Life.

Minneapolis Tribune. There is a touch of pathos in the story of

a railway engineer who went mad under the strain of dread of accidents, reversed his engine with a clear track before him and lost his life by leaping from his cab The congestion of traffic has been deplored for its obstruction to business through shortage of cars and delay of trade. Short- income of the Sublime Porte is already age of passenger cars cannot be permitted mortgaged to the last extremity. The Imand delay of passenger travel cannot be endured. But the extraordinary efforts to perial German Bank, controlling @ per usual number of accidents and in a less mane holds the rest for a group of internavisible, but no less terrible strain on the bodies and minds of train men. There is a tional financiers, is, therefore, facing a glimpse in this dramatic occurrence of considerable deficit extending over a numwhat the thousands of engineers of the ber of years, but the inevitable losses will "A friend," everybody thought, "who growled John.

"She gave me the go-by quickly enough," country are bearing in this stress of business in order that passengers may travel be fully made up by the extension of Gerjust missed being late at Maria and John's "That is because she never loved you. without delay and in comparative safety.

CHANCE FOR A NEW ASIA

WHAT THE BUILDING OF THE NEW

BAGDAD RAILROAD MAY MEAN.

It May Result in Turkey Again Becoming an Extensive Cotton-Pro-

ducing Country.

OPINIONS OF GENERAL VONDER-GOLTZ, OF TURKISH ARMY.

Advantage in the Region-Mussulmans as Growers of Cotton.

Correspondence of the Indianapolis Journal.

BERLIN, Jan. 15 .- The Sublime Porte, according to a Constantinople cable dispatch, has issued an imperial irade granting German financiers the concession for the con-

The construction of the new Bagdad railthe most fertile portions of Asia will be thrown open to colonizers, backed by all "Yes, I have seen it, and am alive to tell | the resources of civilization-mechanical, to a great extent, the politico-strategic im-

Starting at Constantinople, where the

lets his inclination triumph over better | Therefore, if Germans and English stand judgment. The shadow of death hangs together they will be able to uphold the about the Doedenskibet, bringing all en- policy of the "open door" everywhere in tering its radius the doom the ghostly Asia as far as her territory is not already

the sake of rest, it is claimed. Any vessel | The same engineers and constructors that following in the wake of the death ship is | made a success of the technical part of the sure to come to an untimely end on the Natolia road will be employed to lay out rocks of England or Norway, while at the and construct the new railway, the line of moment of striking the Dutchman will van- | which, as finally approved by the Sublime

The connecting point will be at Koniah, "You say you saw the ship. How does it | the place won for Christ by Paul and Barlook? Some legends tell us it's white with | nabas (Acts xiii, 51), and noted for its carage, its sails are mildewed tatters, while pets, colored Morocco leather and exports others speak of blood-red sails and black of cotton, wool and skins. Koniah has now 35,000 inhabitants and is already connected The captain took a long pull on his pipe with Smyrna by rail. From this ancient and replied: "All our old sailing ships have metropolis, the chief emporium for the tarred masts and red-colored sails. The products of the interior, the new railway Dutchman would not lure so many to death starts in an eastern direction towards the and destruction if it did not look like an Taurus, passing that mountain range at a minor altitude. Next it proceeds in the direction of Adana and from there into the interior without touching the coast and the

Beilan pass, which latter had to be abandoned for strategic reasons. But the coast comes again in sight when in the south the high plateau beyond the Amanus is reached. The important cities A gentleman who is evidently able to of Aintab and Haleb are not directly assert his rights has written an amusing touched, but connection with them will be

ENTERING FERTILE VALLEYS. city a few days ago on the train leav- Euphrates, the river of thousand miles, ing the Grand Central Station at noon. whose waters fertilize a territory of 108,-I procured a seat in the parlor car, which | 000 miles, is reached, whereupon the road cost me \$1. I asked the ticket agent to ex- enters the valley south of the Taurus, makplain why he charged me \$1 to Hartford, ing for the Tigris. Edessa, the ancient Boston, where the same rate of parlor-car | be reached directly, except by a prodigious ple. I then asked him what the parlor- places on this part of the line will be Mocar fare would be from Hartford to Bos- sui, old Nineveh, on the banks of the Tigton and found that it was still \$1. I ris, once capital of the Assyrian empire, asked him to explain how this protected now a thriving town of 60,000 inhabitants, the interests of Boston travel, when he sug- buying \$2,500,000 of goods from foreigners gested that I had better pass on and not and exporting half as much. Its principal

free ride to Boston, as I had changed my | the south and its terminus is Kadhima, on mind about going through and must get off the east side of the Persian gulf. An auxiltary line goes to Bassora, called the Babylonian Venice. This city is the most eastern place of note in the Turkish empire and its principal port at the Persian gull. It has an extensive trade, importing silk The same correspondent in the same let- and cotton goods, gold and silver stuffs, sandal wood and indigo, also pearls, coffee, field some time ago, and found women fruits, spices and precious metals. Its exstanding in the aisle. I therefore passed port (by caravan to Bagdad and from there parlor-car man came in and wanted to to Constantinople), comprises dates, raw know where I was going, and I told him, | silk, gold lace, horses, copper and precious New York. He wanted me to pay him for metals. The population is estimated at

EXTENT OF NEW RAILWAY off the train. I remained in possession of thirds of the territory traversed by the Canadian Pacific. The distance from Konia to Kadhima alone is equal to that between

Of course it will not pay for many years vast distances and though the people in those parts-as far as my observation goes civilizing measures, the new railway will have to be policed at considerable cost, while the imported workmen must be protected, to some extent at least, by native troops at the builders' expense. I estimate the preliminary outlay at \$125,000,000, at a does not help things much, as